

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

MAY OUST SCHMITZ

MOVE TO FORCE FRISCO MAYOR TO RESIGN.

Deposed Boss Says Railway Company Paid \$200,000, Supervisors Getting \$4,000 to \$10,000 Each, Ruff Himself Taking \$61,000 as "Fee".

It was rumored in San Francisco Thursday night that a movement is on foot to bring about a change in the municipal administration by forcing the resignation of Mayor Schmitz and choosing in his stead Frederick W. DeFirman, a prominent wholesale merchant, as mayor.

Abraham Ruff Thursday made good his declaration of Wednesday that he would, following his change of plea of guilty in the extortion case against him, turn state's evidence and assist the bribery-graft prosecution in its campaign against municipal corruption.

From Special Agent Burns it was learned that at the only matter in which Ruff was questioned was the alleged bribing of Mayor Schmitz and eighteen supervisors by the United Railroads to grant that corporation a change in its franchise allowing the electrifying of its 250 miles of street railway systems in that city.

If Burns' understanding of Ruff's testimony is correct the fallen boss Calhoun, assistant to the president, Thorneau Meally, Chief Counsel T. L. Ford and Council William M. Abbott, of the United Railroads, paid or caused to be paid the sum of \$200,000 for the privilege named, that \$61,000 of this amount was Ruff's "fee", that \$50,000 went into the pocket of Mayor Schmitz and the remaining \$89,000 was handed to the eighteen supervisors, sixteen of them receiving \$4,000 each and the others demanding and getting \$10,000, and Chairman Gallagher, of the finance committee, being paid \$15,000 for acting as go-between.

RUSSIAN WHEAT OUTLOOK BAD.

Winter Crops Are in Danger Over a Great Area.

The boom in the price of wheat in the markets of the United States and Europe has been followed with the greatest interest at St. Petersburg. Leading grain men believe that the quotations are a fairly accurate reflex of the actual crop conditions in Europe and America, and that speculation has had but a secondary influence. According to authoritative reports conditions in the central and Volga provinces, including the present famine area, are favorable, as a result of the warm weather and moderate rains, but throughout western Russia and the rest of southwest Europe, including the entire Balkan peninsula, Austria-Hungary and Germany, the winter crops are in danger of destruction, and the prospects for the spring sowing are extremely unfavorable.

CHANGE OF VENUE DENIED.

Insurance Chief Burnham Must Stand Trial in New York.

Frederick A. Burnham, of New York, president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company, and George D. Eldredge, also an officer of the company, who are under indictment on charges of grand larceny and forgery, must stand trial in New York county. An application for a change of venue made by their counsel several days ago has been denied by Supreme Court Justice Dowling. The indictments against Burnham and Eldredge grew out of the recent insurance investigation. George Burnham, Jr., formerly general counsel for the Mutual Reserve Life, is now serving a two year sentence in Sing Sing. The trial of Frederick Burnham is scheduled to begin Monday.

Attacks German Tariff Agreement.

The annual convention of the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers adjourned at Philadelphia Wednesday. Wilbur F. Wakeman, of the American Protective Tariff League, attacked the German-American industrial agreement passed by the German reichstag.

New Trial in Woman Forger Case.

The circuit court at Soshocote, O., reversed the decision of the lower court in the Mary J. Lingfelter case and remanded it for a new trial. Mrs. Lingfelter was convicted of forgery and complicity in the wrecking of a Newark, O., bank.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$5.10. Top hogs, \$6.20.

Mayor Stops Gambling at Sterling.

Mayor John L. Jansen, of Sterling, Ill., has ordered all dice throwing and other forms of gambling to cease in the city. The order came as a big surprise to the liberal element.

Old Settler Loses Wife; Ends Life.

William R. Richardson, aged 72 years, committed suicide by shooting a bullet through his chest at Secore, Ill. Despondency over the recent death of his wife probably was the cause.

RUEF FACES PRISON.

Pleads Guilty, Though Denying Formal Charge.

Abraham Ruff, better known as Abe Ruff, the acknowledged adviser of Mayor Schmitz and once the recognized dictator of municipal affairs in San Francisco, pleaded guilty to the charge of extortion in Judge Dunne's department of the superior court Wednesday. Sentence will be pronounced on him two weeks hence. After a private conference with his four attorneys in Judge Dunne's private chamber Wednesday afternoon and after they had withdrawn from his case because of the resolution he had taken to change his plea and avoid trial, Ruff, to the utter astonishment of the prosecution, arose in court and announced in a dramatic address that after long and earnest consideration he had determined to withdraw his plea of not guilty. He asked that the jury be dismissed and the trial abandoned.

Ruff read his statement from a manuscript which he had prepared in presence of his attorneys a few moments before Judge Dunne's chambers opened. He showed in his voice, in the expression on his face, in his quiet gestureless attitude and by tears that again and again overflowed his eyes, the great emotion and utter humiliation that he suffered.

HITS GREAT RAIL POOL.

Harriman Combine Violating Anti-Trust Act.

A portion of the recommendations of Attorneys Frank B. Kellogg and Charles Severance to the interstate commerce commission, concerning the Harriman railroad investigation, has been published in New York.

It reviews the testimony and holds that the railroad company suppressed competition in an area equal to a third of the United States; that the contracts between the Union Pacific and Rock Island for the control of the Altou, as well as the contracts between the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific, and control of the Illinois Central and San Pedro road, are all in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

It recommended that the attorney general institute proceedings to annul these agreements. It also recommends there should be new and effective laws to prevent the inflation of securities, and declares the profits of the great railroads in the far west are being used to buy stocks to control systems in the east, instead of building more roads for the development of the west, as they should be.

NEEDS ONLY A MILLION.

Ohio Man to Give Away Two-Thirds of Fortune.

John Bryan, an eccentric 60-year-old millionaire farmer, author and manufacturer of Yellow Springs, O., was in Columbus Wednesday examining books in the state law library for a marriage law in some state that suits him, and when he finds it he says he will journey to that state and wed pretty Miss Frederica Murphy, of Cincinnati, a girl 29 years old, whom he educated.

"It is the state that has the best statute on this subject," he said, "that will get us, and I assure you it will be neither Kentucky, Ohio nor Dakota.

Must Give Shipper Benefit.

A decision rendered at Washington by the interstate commerce commission is of notable importance because in it the commission holds that where two rates between the same point are in force the shipper must be given the benefit of the lower.

Deputies Approve Labor Stand.

The prolonged and heated debate in the chamber of deputies in Paris on the interpellations of the government regarding its labor policy attracted intense interest, but ended as was anticipated in a vote of confidence in the government.

Topeka Bank Robbed.

Officials of the Citizens' bank of North Topeka, Kan., admitted Tuesday that the safe had been entered some time between Saturday night and Monday morning and robbed of \$10,000, half of it in gold and the balance in currency.

Murderer Pleads Guilty.

Ira Stewart, who murdered his son-in-law, Fred Miller, at Chippewa Falls, Wis., in a fit of jealousy six years ago, was allowed to plead guilty to manslaughter in the third degree.

Socialists Gain in Austria.

The returns from the election held Tuesday throughout Austria, while not yet complete, show that the most powerful parties in the lower house which will assemble June 12 will be the socialists and the anti-Semites.

New Style Kansas Flood.

The sheriff destroyed \$5,000 worth of liquor in the street at Independence, Kan., Wednesday. The liquor was seized some time ago from saloons in the county.

Rich Kewanee Banker Dies.

M. C. Quinn, vice president of the First National Bank at Kewanee, Ill., and one of the wealthiest men in western Illinois, died Tuesday, aged 50 years.

MURDERER IS CAUGHT.

Higgins, Alias Burk, Confesses Fiendish Crime.

Louis Ray Higgins, alias Fred Burk, self-confessed murderer of Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Coppel near Rosalie, Neb., was lodged Tuesday night in the dark cell at the Dodge county jail, awaiting the arrival of Sheriff Young, of Thurston county. Later, in the evening the prisoner was taken by Sheriff Young and Deputy Sheriff Allen, of Douglas county, to Omaha for safe keeping.

Higgins was arrested at noon Tuesday at Hooper by Marshal W. H. Crawford in Baker & Reese's saloon, five minutes after he had reached the town. He was whirled fifteen miles overland by automobile to Fremont by Dr. Tanby Wigglesworth and Marshal Crawford, the latter sitting in the back seat with a revolver in his hand. Sheriff Baumann followed in another motor car.

To Sheriff Baumann at 6 o'clock Tuesday night. In the presence of the officers Higgins confessed himself guilty of the dastardly crime. For thirty minutes he sat stolidly in a chair at the jail while he answered questions bearing on the murder. Except when he said he could not remember certain things because he was crazy that night he told all the details of the awful crime without a waver or breakdown.

Higgins' husky frame shook at times, but he said this was from the cold. He complained of feeling numb from exposure. He was hardly able to walk on account of an injured foot, which he said he noticed an hour after the crime, but he could not account for.

NO HOPE FOR HARMONY.

Meeting of Ohio Republican Central Committee Also Called off.

The call for a meeting of the Republican state committee which was to be held at Columbus, O., Wednesday at the same time with a state conference of the Republican party leaders, has been canceled.

The decision to rescind was reached by Chairman Brown at noon Tuesday after a series of conferences with prominent Republicans, chief among whom were Gov. Harris and Arthur Ivorys, manager of the Taft campaign. The opinion of Brown was that inasmuch as the committee meeting had been requested by Senator Dick as an adjunct to a general conference, and, as the larger meeting had been canceled by the parties who had advocated it, there was no special need for the state central committee to meet alone.

KNOCKOUT FOR THE ICE TRUST.

Kansas City Dealers Must Pay Large Fines.

Judge Walter A. Powell, of the circuit court at Independence, Mo., Tuesday fined the following named companies recently found guilty of maintaining a trust to regulate the production and price of ice in Kansas City: The People's Ice Storage and Fuel company, \$15,000; Central Ice company, \$5,000; Kansas City Breweries company, \$5,000.

The punishment of the Vanderlicke-Lynds Mercantile company will be determined later.

Aid for Jamaica.

Although the fact has not yet been officially announced it is stated the British government has decided to make a grant of \$750,000 grants to Jamaica and guarantee the island a loan of \$5,000,000 to assist in its rehabilitation from the effects of the earthquake.

Raise in Pay for 25,000.

The New Bedford, Mass., Manufacturers' association Tuesday voted to increase the wages of operatives in the New Bedford textile mills 19 per cent on May 27. The advance affects 25,000 employees.

Militia Guards Jail.

The militia has taken charge of the jail at Brunswick, Ga., to protect a negro, Leo Holmes, who is charged with killing A. A. Sands at Darien Junction Saturday night. Sands was a prominent white man.

Burned to Death in Sight of Mother.

Ruth Lacon, of Winthrop, Ill., a young girl, was burned fatally by a prairie fire in sight of her mother, who fell unconscious when she saw her daughter in flames.

Panama Strike Continues.

The strike of the steam shovel workers on the Panama canal, the men demanding \$300 per month instead of their present salary of \$210, continues. Only eight steam shovels are at work.

WESTERN LEAGUE BASEBALL.

Schedule of Games to Be Played at Sioux City, Ia.

Following is a schedule of the Western League games to be played at Sioux City in the immediate future: Omaha May 28, 29, 30, 31

Postpone Trial of Standard.

The initial trial against the Standard Oil company, of Ohio, which was to have been called before Judge Duncan at Findlay Monday morning, was postponed until possibly the week beginning June 10.

Kills Whole Family.

William Waddle, a farmer living near Gananoque, Ont., murdered his wife and two children and then committed suicide by cutting his throat.

Nebraska State News

PASS LAW IS DISREGARDED.

Nebraska Roads Violating the Reform Measure.

Reform is resting lightly upon the officials of the Nebraska railroads. The state railway commission issued an order demanding that the Nebraska railway companies file complete lists of all persons not paying the regular cash rates for transportation. The order is based on the section of the interstate commerce law forbidding discriminations.

The King anti-pass bill has been flagrantly disregarded. Names of officials and employees who secured passes have just been filed with the railway commission, the law requiring that all passes be filed with the commission each month. The annuals of the officials are also included. But there is grim silence in regard to all others, although the law is plain.

"Special contracts" are written with those who have transportation. It is presumed that lawyers and politicians are granted passes under the plea of returning service therefor. The indolent pass holders have been weeded out. The Union Pacific several days ago informed the commission that "contract" transportation was not free, and would not be reported.

While the 2-cent fare law is being enforced within the state, it is being disregarded as far as interstate points are concerned, and the 3-cent fare is charged between stations where the railroads run out of the state even for a few yards. As a usual thing, the railroads are now meeting the short line rates between points.

OVERTURNING OF WAGON FATAL.

Earl Smith Instantly Killed Near Blair.

Earl Smith, salesman for the Rawleigh Medicine company at Blair, was instantly killed by the overturning of his medicine wagon at the farm residence of F. K. Warrick, four miles north of Blair. Mr. Smith attempted to turn his wagon near a slight embankment when the wagon crumpled and overturned, throwing him beneath the box, crushing his skull. He leaves a wife and four small children. Mrs. Warrick witnessed the accident and rushing to the high spirited team caught it before it got away and then attempted to rescue her husband, being alone at the time. He carried a life insurance policy for \$2,000 in the Modern Woodmen lodge, holding his membership in Blair, also a funeral indemnity policy for \$100, upon which he had paid but one assessment.

MEETS DEATH IN FLAMES.

Mrs. George Wilson, of Vesta, Covered with Burning Gasoline.

Mrs. Wilson, wife of George Wilson, was fatally burned at the family home near Vesta, Neb., Tuesday morning. She died at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning. A can of gasoline which was back of the kitchen stove became heated and exploded, throwing the burning oil over her. She ran into the yard, where her husband put out the flames. The body of Mrs. Wilson was the daughter of Lee Kaley, of Filley, and was about 28 years of age. She had been married to Mr. Wilson but a year and leaves no children. Her husband is a merchant of Vesta.

Fremont Council Settle Dispute.

At an adjourned meeting in Prechance of further threatened disputes of further threatened disputes in the council chamber on the question of closing Platte avenue for the Fremont college, was appointed a special citizens' committee of seven men who will hold a conference with President Clemmons, of the normal, and endeavor to affect an amicable settlement.

Paralytic Commits Suicide.

Charles Murry committed suicide at Pender by shooting himself in the head. The deceased had been a barber there for some years. About ten months ago he was stricken with paralysis of the limbs and has been in a helpless condition since. Self-destruction is supposed to be the result of worry over his condition.

Woman Burned to Death.

Mrs. Rittan, an aged woman living a few miles in the country northwest of Red Cloud, was burned to death Friday. She was burning corn husks in a draw not far from the house when her clothing caught fire, and before assistance could reach her she was so badly burned that death followed a few hours later.

Fall Breaks Young Man's Neck.

Bernard Grussing, son of Ernest Grussing, of Pilger, met with a serious accident which cost him his life. He was returning home from a dance on horseback, riding along behind a buggy, when his horse stumbled and fell, throwing him between the wheels of the rig, breaking his neck.

Wymore Man Attempts Suicide.

Charles Overman, an old resident of Wymore, attempted to commit suicide by sending a bullet through his left lung. Although seriously wounded he is conscious and able to talk, but refuses to give the cause for the shooting. He recently lost his position with the Burlington and has been in ill health for some time.

Winter Makes Late Call.

Snow began falling in Alliance Monday morning, and the snow extends as far as Edgemont, S. D. In Lincoln the mercury began falling at 10 o'clock and the temperature was four degrees above freezing at noon. Snow flurries were reported in southwest Nebraska.

Beo Inspector Appointed.

A letter received at Kearney from Gov. Sheldon appoints Henry Wood to the position of bee inspector for Buffalo county.

POSTMASTERS TO MEET.

Interstate Convention is to Be Held at Omaha.

Postmaster H. E. Palmer, of Omaha, is making an effort to secure an interstate meeting of Nebraska and Iowa postmasters at Omaha next month. The postmasters' organization of Iowa is now in course of formation and Postmaster Palmer designs to have that body meet with the Nebraska Naesbys and to secure the presence at the meeting of one of the assistant postmasters general, probably Hitchcock, first assistant.

Postmaster Hazelton, of Council Bluffs, is looking after the Iowa end of the meeting. About 1,400 invitations have been sent out and acceptances are coming in at a lively rate. An extraordinary program of entertainment will be provided for the Naesbys, of whom it is expected there will be over 1,000. In addition to the postmasters themselves it is expected that the meeting will bring several thousand visitors to the city, as the railroads will make a special rate for the meeting.

THIEVES WORK AT CAIRO.

Postoffice and Business Houses Robbed by Sneak Thieves.

Sneak Thieves at Cairo entered the blacksmith shop of Fred Erickson and secured a brace drill and screwdriver. The postoffice was entered and the cash drawers robbed of all change, about \$6. The general merchandise store of F. W. Goodrich was entered and the cash register robbed of about \$7 and a pocketbook belonging to a woman clerk taken with about \$5. A saloon was entered and three quarts of whisky are missing. All doors were opened with skeleton keys and it is thought by the same parties that robbed the Alda postoffice the first of the week. Sheriff Dunlap is on the way from Grand Island with bloodhounds and will attempt to trace the robbers.

NO WARRANTS FOR BOUNTIES.

State Auditor Says There is No Appropriation for Their Payment.

The coyotes are being advised you Wahoo the first of the week and claims for bounty filed with the county clerk. Upon inquiry the county clerk received the following notice from the state auditor: "Relative to the payment of bounty on wolves we desire to advise you that this department will be unable to draw warrants against this fund, as there is no appropriation providing for their payment. This applies to claims already vouchered and that may be vouchered during the next two years.

Grand Island Woman Missing.

Mrs. Charles Plummer, a middle-aged woman and wife of a laboring man of Grand Island, left her home, telling another occupant of the same house that she was going to visit a friend and has not been seen since. Her husband and other relatives in the city have searched diligently for her and the police department has been notified and sent messages to the surrounding towns, without obtaining a single clue as to her whereabouts.

Ship Omaha Struck on a Sandbar.

The steamer "Omaha," which is en route up the river conveying a barge, is having a hard time of it, as the wind whips the boat and barge onto the sandbars and keeps them out of the channel. The boat passed Nebraska City Saturday and encountered bars four miles north of there and at last reports the boat captain was still looking for the channel.

Wreck at Keith's Sliding.

Freight train No. 54 failed to clear the track for passenger train No. 4 at Keith's Sliding, nine miles east of North Platte, and a collision occurred. A number of cars were derailed, and it required about five hours to clear up the wreck, delaying No. 5 about that length of time.

Farmer is Burned to Death.

Wencl Smidynsky, a wealthy farmer residing about four miles north of Wahoo, was burned to death in his home recently. The residence was burned to the ground and his charred body found in the ruins. He was at home alone at the time of the fire.

Degree of Honor Convention Ends.

The degree of honor convention closed its session at Kearney after many speeches prepared by Mrs. Elder of North Platte, Mrs. Fay Gibbon, Mable Chittie of Broken Bow, Mrs. Dunham of Cozad, and others. Elm Creek was chosen for the next convention.

Old Settlers Meet.

On June 4 the old settlers of Cedar county will meet in Hartington for the purpose of perfecting a county organization and holding annual reunions. A preliminary meeting has already been held and committees appointed to formulate bylaws.

Roschard Opening is Delayed.

The Tripp county portion of the Roschard Indian reservation will not be opened to settlement during the calendar year because of the number of Indian allotments to be made, according to reports from Herrick, S. D.

John Wilson's Daughter Heard From.

The valuable estate of the late Judge and Mrs. John Wilson, of Tecumseh, is still awaiting the return of John Wilson, Jr., who ran away from home in his youth. The son, if living, is now a man well advanced in years.

Green Bug Enters Nebraska.

The green bug has made its appearance near Stella, but so far has not done any harm. Farmers have not paid any attention to them until the recent accounts of their ravages.

Chancellor Andrews Lectures.

Chancellor Benjamin Andrews, of the state university, spoke at the Methodist church at Schuyler on "Nebraska's Future." The lecture was given by the Schuyler alumni and was well attended.

Twenty-third Birthday Greeting:

To the People of Dakota County: Jackson, Neb., Apr. 14, 1907. On the threshold of our twenty-second year of banking here, we wish to thank each of our patrons personally for the loyal and liberal business always given us. It is thoroughly appreciated, and our sole effort, in a business way is to make the Bank of Dakota County, better each day, for you. Advice and suggestions are invited from you all, as it is our earnest desire to give you the very best service and every accommodation and favor consistent with good banking. We do everything for you any other bank can do and, just a little bit better than the other fellow does. SAFETY is the watchword here, and that line will never be overstepped, a single hair's breadth. We call this "The Bank that ALWAYS treats you RIGHT," and it is your duty to tell us, when the assertion proves wrong. And remember, there are always one hundred dollars hung up for the person whom the bank has wronged and refused to make right. If you have not been a customer of the bank in the past, GET THE HABBIT now. Then you and our banker, will own "the bank that won't come off." Yours for more business, or twenty-one years more, ED. T. KEARNEY, Cashier Bank of Dakota County. "Oldest bank in the county"

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LOW RATES Via The North-Western Line \$25.40 One-Way second class colonist tickets will be on sale daily, March 1st to April 30th to Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Puget Sound points. Proportionately low rates to points in Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho and Montana. Through Tourist Cars Daily, Minneapolis and St. Paul to Pacific Coast Points. Round Trip North-West Special homeseekers tickets will be on sale first and third Tuesdays of March and April to many points in Idaho, eastern portion of state of Washington and also to a large southwest territory. The rate will be about one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip. If you contemplate a trip--no matter where, for rates and other information call on or address-- LYMAN SHOLES, Division Pass' Agt. Omaha. GEO. H. PRANGER, Agent, Dakota City.

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